

Seniors Committee Meeting

Date:

10th January 2024

Attendees:

Ian Newman (IN), Larry Austin (LA), Graham Chadwick (GC), Steve Kitney (SC), Allan Bentley (AB)

Apologies:

Keith Broom (KB)

Minutes:

Apologises from KB was received.

Minutes of the previous meeting on 22nd November were accepted and recorded.

Comments and Actions as noted below:

First committee meeting since the very successful Seniors Christmas Lunch. Well attending with everyone enjoying themselves. Many thanks to Nick & Vashek for looking after us. Raffle was a great success as well, raising a fantastic £150 towards Seniors funds and again thanks to all that donated prizes.

IN will respond to John Stafford regarding the cost of the Monday competitions relative to the mandatory £0.50 toward the two's pot for ALL participants. **Action IN**

LA will respond to a question raised by a member on where to access the interclub competitions. It was noted that this information is included in the Members section under 'future competitions', and also on the Seniors Section within the club website. **Action LA**

It was also agreed that fixtures, minutes of meeting, results and rules will be posted on the Seniors Section Notice Board in the mens changing rooms when the refurb has been completed (shortly). **Action AB**

GC advised that the Wednesday roll up is gaining additional attendees (despite the poor weather in recent weeks). The penalty shots allocated to winners for next games appeared to be a success during the winter season.

IN noted the need to remind members to adopt the 'Ready Golf' practice when playing to avoid bottle necks at tees and speed up the general pace of play. The 'Ready Golf' description will be posted on the Seniors Section Notice Board.

General discussion held regarding Friday mornings, which is NOT a roll up session, and that has highlighted the need to remind Seniors to respect other members that have booked tee times and NOT to go out as they see fit. If a tee time has been booked then that needs to be adhered to **and** if people turn up without securing involvement in a booked tee time then they may well be disappointed / need to wait to play when there is a space.

Continuing on the subject of Fridays, the committee do hope to secure a few formal allocated tee times in the future for a 'Roll-Up' similar to Wednesday subject to the agreement of Steve Pockneall but only **once** we have demonstrated a larger participation in both the Monday competitions and

existing Wednesday Roll-ups. In effect, it is in our hands to secure these slots through greater Section involvement by all. IN and LA also noted that it would assist in the selection process for the summer inter-club players. **Action ALL MEMBERS**

SK discussed the timetable for the Summer Knockout competitions (singles and pairs), it was agreed to put the entry sheets on the Seniors Section Notice Board no later than 1st March with matches beginning in April. **Action AB**

The Seniors Club Championship format was also discussed. The Championship is scheduled over 2 Mondays (1st & 8th July). It was agreed that Round 1 would be a random draw with Round 2 tee times allocated based on Round 1 gross scores. Players will only be able to participate within the allocated tee times and prizes (gross and net) will only be based on the results over the 2 days.

Action IN

Format of the next fun/social competition (Monday 22nd Apri) was discussed to involve a 2024 Spring social event. That will be a three clubs and a putter competition with a shot gun start with entry fee to include food for ALL participants cost to be advised once we have discussed with the Forest Inn, based on them providing sandwiches, sausage rolls and chips. **Action IN**

Any Other Business

IN suggested that we remind our members that if there are any questions, they can talk to the various committee members or alternatively email the Secretary on ffgc.seniors@gmail.com

Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th February after 12:00

Allan Bentley

Secretary Senior Section